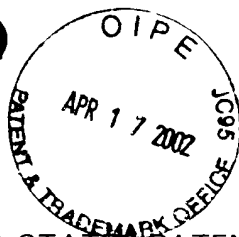


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Sir:

Prior to continuing the examination of the above-identified application, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 1, 8, 11-13, 17, 19, 20 and 27 as follows:

1. (Amended) A gear oil or transmission fluid composition comprising a major amount of lubricant basestock and at least one functional additive wherein a major amount of the lubricant basestock comprises a mineral oil having a viscosity index of 120 or more, an iodine number of less than 9 and comprising about 95% to about 100% by weight saturates wherein at least about 55% of the saturates are aliphatic saturates.

8. (Amended) The composition of claim 7 wherein the antiwear or extreme pressure agent is at least one sulfur compound, at least one phosphorus containing compound, at least one boron containing compound or mixtures of two or more thereof.